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EXAMINING GROUP 2823**

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In re Application of:)
Kyoichi SUGURO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2823
Application No.: 10/661,564) Examiner: Coleman, William D.
Filed: September 15, 2003) Confirmation No. 8012
For: ANNEALING FURNACE,)
MANUFACTURING APPARATUS,)
ANNEALING METHOD AND)
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF)
ELECTRONIC DEVICE)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 12, 2005, the period for response to which extends through November 12, 2005, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose amending the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.